AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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08/13/2008 1. (currently amended) A sealing assembly element, comprising:

a tubular main body of an elastic material, a peripheral wall of the main body enclosing a

hollow space that extends along a longitudinal direction of the sealing assembly element, with a

connecting passage for fluids, and

a diaphragm extending from the tubular main body located at at least one longitudinal

end of the tubular main body and at least partially closing at least one longitudinal end of the

sealing assembly element,

wherein the peripheral wall in the region of the connecting passage is designed in respect

of elasticity of the material, thickness of the wall and inside diameter of the hollow space, such

that twisting of the main body causes a constriction of the hollow space in the region of the

connecting passage in such a way that the constriction is at a predetermined position in relation

to the longitudinal direction of the sealing assembly element; and

wherein the diaphragm and the tubular body comprise a single piece of a silicone rubber

with a Shore hardness greater than 30.

2. (currently amended) The sealing <u>assembly</u> element of claim 1, wherein:

the tubular main body comprises first and second longitudinal ends, such that twisting of

the two longitudinal ends relative to each other causes regular folding of the peripheral wall in

the region of the connecting passage and concomitantly therewith a reduction in the diameter of

the connecting passage, which is dependent on the amount of angular twist applied.

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